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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title in the above-identified application to read as follows: —INTERNET
DOWNLOADED PROGRAMMABLE RECORDING DEVICE—.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, insert “This application is a continuation of U.S. application S/N
08/840,368, filed April 29, 1997.”

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1–24.

Please add new claims 25–36 as follows:

- 25. (new) A reception device for controlling a recording module, comprising:
- receiving means for receiving a particular format file transmitted through a
network; said particular format file including text based control commands;
- extracting means for extracting at least one of said text based control commands
from the received particular format file; and
- control means for controlling said recording module based on the extracted text
based control commands, wherein said control means uses a timer reservation function to
reserve an operation time of said recording module.—

- 26. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said network is the
Internet.—

—27. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in a memory.—

—28. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.—

—29. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.—

—30. (new) A reception method of controlling a recording module, comprising the steps of:

a receiving step of receiving a particular format file transmitted through a network; said particular format file including text based control commands;

an extracting step of extracting at least one of said text based control commands from the received particular format file; and

a control step of controlling said recording module based on the extracted text based control commands, wherein a timer reservation function is used to reserve an operation time of said recording module.—

—31. (new) The reception method as claimed in claim 30, wherein said network is the Internet.—

—32. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 30, wherein said operation time of said recording module is stored in a memory.—

—33. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 30, wherein said recording module is a video recording module.—

—34. (new) The reception device as claimed in claim 30, wherein said recording module is a television program recording module.—

—35. (new) A transmission/reception system for controlling a recording module, comprising:

transmission means for transmitting a particular format file through a network;
said particular format file including text based control commands for controlling said recording module;

receiving means for receiving said particular format file transmitted through said network;

extracting means for extracting at least one of said text based control commands from the received particular format file; and

control means for controlling said recording module based on the extracted text based control commands, wherein said control means uses a timer reservation function to reserve an operation time of said recording module.—

—36. (new) A transmission/reception method of controlling a recording module,
comprising the steps of:

a transmission step of transmitting a particular format file through a network; said
particular format file including text based control commands for controlling said
recording module;

a receiving step of receiving said particular format file transmitted through said
network;

an extracting step of extracting at least one of said text based control commands
from the received particular format file; and

a control step of controlling said recording module based on the extracted text
based control commands, wherein a timer reservation function is used to reserve an
operation time of said recording module.—

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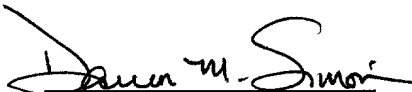
This preliminary amendment makes reference to the parent application and cancels those claims that are being prosecuted in the parent. Entry of the above amendatory matter and early examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 were originally presented in the parent of this continuation application. The present preliminary amendment cancels claims 1-24 and substitutes therefor claims 25-36. New claims 25-36 are presented to continue prosecution of aspects of Applicant's invention. The features defined by these claims are fully disclosed in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Applicant has substituted a new title believed to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The filing fee for this continuation application has been calculated for the claims remaining after the Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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